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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/002714, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-358999 A, together with an English language Abstract and a partial English language translation thereof;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-350101 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,507,365 to NAKAMURA et al., which issued on January 14, 2003;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-363869 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-341577 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-336076 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,894,325 to YONEMOTO, which issued on April 13, 1999;
- (6) Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 8-10907 B2, together with an English language Abstract of the corresponding Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 1-119177; and
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 3-077483 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set

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Applicants further bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-147586 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,992,700 to SATO et al., which issued on January 31, 2006.

Applicants note that this document is cited beginning at page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

- (9) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0118292 to BARON, which was published on August 29, 2002; and
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,386,264 to SEKINE et al., which issued on January 31, 1995.

Applicants further submit a copy of a Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (including Forms PCT/IB/338, PCT/IB/373 and PCT/ISA/237) with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/002714, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Above-note documents (1) and (2) were cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

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Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully


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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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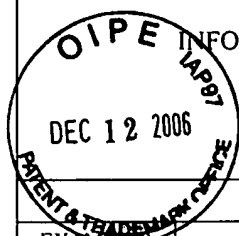


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